

Dear Commissioners, staff and the public my name is Leland Frayseth, I am retired, I built 2 wooden boats, I spend a lot of time in the California Delta and have recently become politically active. I am offering this testimony to share my recent experience and recommend statewide consolidation of water districts into one entity e.g. Metropolitan Water District because of their size and breadth of experience. I also recommend consolidation of reclamation districts into one entity similar to the manner in which we handle Superfund sites for cleanup then letting the areas evolve according to a plan and return to a submerged wetland wildlife refuge.

I became politically active 4 December 2015 upon receiving a letter from the US Office of Personnel Management I was 1 of 22 million whose security forms and investigations were stolen in a cyber attack. I wrote Obama, my Congressman, my Senators, OPM and Department of Justice.

The OPM experience motivated me to speak up on water issues that had been troubling me. I became a regular attendee and spoke during public comment at the Contra Costa Water District Board meetings. I gave this presentation to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.
<https://youtu.be/ctXuLSJ4MNw>

After no action, no response to my calls and emails and a lot of obfuscation from staff regarding my recommendations that the Supervisors do an inventory and risk assessment, I gave this presentation to the State Water Resources Control Board.
<https://youtu.be/r21f1I9rlA>

My experience with the State Water Resources Control Board is very productive and positive. I remain in contact with their scientists. One of the scientists recommended the book "Battling the Inland Sea" by Robert Kelley it is about floods, public policy and the Sacramento Valley 1800s through today. I am on chapter 11. I recommend the Little Hoover Commissioners and staff read the book it is a great history of how reclamation and water districts evolved. I feel like I am treated as a customer and a colleague at the state level.

My experience with my local water district is awkward. While they have public meetings and no other member of the public is present I feel my comments are not received as the voice of the customer they are an intrusion, an annoyance in their Board Meeting process and their plans. For months my water board representative ignored my phone calls, emails and requests for meetings but I kept trying and he finally called me back and they are listening to me better at meetings. In response to their request for public comment I had given them the attached 36 redlined pages which they largely ignored prior to submitting the Urban Water Management Plan document to the Department of Water Resources. I met with their planning manager but we are far apart on forecast water demand and cybersecurity planning. Last weekend I pulled ¼ million Old River salinity and Los Vaqueros level data points from the California Data Exchange Center to make the attached chart so I could talk with them about how I think it is unwise for them to proceed with reservoir expansion plans as the California WaterFix plays out. With the California WaterFix Metropolitan will have low salinity water from Hood intakes at the same cost my water district will provide me with high salinity water in their expanded reservoir. This is why I think I should be getting my water from Metropolitan in the future, eliminate this north south feud and litigation and let us all get clean water from one regulated entity.

My experience with the county is estranged, the Contra Costa County Supervisors staff ignore me. They have a shared mailbox that receives incoming mail and I have no idea if it ever gets to my Supervisor. The Supervisors have chosen to sue Metropolitan in closed session with no

public input from me or anyone. I lose because I am paying the County's legal costs through taxes with no input if they should be engaged in that fight or not. The Supervisors told me working the Bethel Island issue is difficult because there are multiple entities involved. The Supervisors appointed the Bethel Island reclamation board members because no one would run for those offices because the locals would not raise their taxes to pay for levees for years. I think it is short sighted the county approves new developments like Delta Coves and building permits in flood zones, there should be a master plan to return those zones to wetlands the local reclamation cannot pay for levee repairs now or 60 years from now as sea level rises.

I thank the Little Hoover Commission Commissioners, staff and the public for reading my experience, watching my YouTube videos and studying my attachments. In summary I recommend the staff propose legislation to consolidate water districts into one entity and phase out reclamation districts.

Thank you, Leland